



Washington State Health Care Authority
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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services – Health & Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority – Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Beta Blockers

metoprolol tartrate (generic products only)
atenolol (generic products only)
propranolol HCL (generic products only)
nadolol (generic products only)
timolol maleate (generic products only)
carvedilol (COREG ®)*
metoprolol succinate (TOPROL XL ®)*

* Subject to expedited prior authorization for congestive heart failure.

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

Each agency will implement the Beta Blocker class according to its benefit structure on January 1, 2006. L&I does not cover this class of drugs.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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